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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 30, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 30, 2003, please amend the above-captioned patent application as provided below. This amendment and response is timely filed within the three-month deadline for response.

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